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## Intelligence Agency Could Use Some Intelligence

**W**ASHINGTON — (New York News) — The controversy inside Congress over whether to tighten its controls over the Central Intelligence Agency has been stirred up again by former C. I. A. Chief Allen Dulles' denial that the spy agency messed up the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Dulles' defense of the C. I. A. Cuban operations and its entire global intelligence job came in a 41,000-word article written for the Encyclopedia Britannica's Book of the Year. Dulles said the motivation was to state the case for more secrecy, rather than less, about what the C. I. A. does.

THE SO-CALLED "master spy" in trying to make the C. I. A. look good on the Bay of Pigs blunder, denied flatly that his agency made any estimate that a spontaneous uprising of the unarmed population of Cuba would ensue once the 1,500-man invasion force landed.

If true, then how come Dulles and the C. I. A. O.K. the invasion plan, as they did?

The Dulles article could not have been more ill-timed from the C. I. A. defense standpoint. First it was Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy's reviving of the Bay of Pigs issue that kicked it up again. Now Dulles has pulled a similar booboo.

IT WAS also ill-timed for another and more ridiculous reason. If there had previously been only shaky ground for congressional suspicion about the lavish C. I. A. tossing around of taxpayer money, now there is solid ground for criticism.

This came about because

the C. I. A., now housed in a \$50,000,000 plant in woodsy suburban Virginia, has become panicky over a threatened apartment development nearby. It seems that if those apartments are built half a mile away, a "foreign spy" tenant in an upper-floor suite could raise hob.

ALL HE would need would be a good spyglass or a long-range camera and he could look right into the office of C. I. A. Director John McCone. Binoculars and cameras have been so perfected that such a foreign agent could read whatever McCone held in his hand.

So the C. I. A. has decided it had better buy up at least 13 acres — at a cost well in the millions — or presumably be forced to move out of its flossy new quarters. From the C. I. A. point of view such emergency action is required. Nobody in the

agency had the "intelligence" to consider a couple of cheap alternatives — one to put Venetian blinds on the McCone office windows, or move McCone's sanctum to another side of the building.

THIS IS not the only stupid way our supposedly bright intelligence operatives function. The cul de sac highway which leads to the C. I. A. structure is an unmarked turn off a throughway. Hot secrety stuff! For at night the spy agency building is lit up like a roman candle, searchlights flooding it from a strongly guarded ring of a high barbed-wire fence.

Obviously if this sort of intelligence-agent activity goes on right here in headquarters, then congressmen have a right to their suspicion that similar amateur melodramatic spyways must be going on abroad.

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